

John William Zimmerman

1850-1950 Centennial Biography

John William Zimmerman, son of George and Mary Ann Clark Zimmerman was born January 26, 1881, in Lehi, the third child of twelve children.

He helped his parents on the farm until he was eighteen, then he worked in the Mercur mines until he was twenty-one. At the age of twenty-one he went to Evanston, Wyoming and worked for two years as a locomotive fireman on the Union Pacific Railroad. He then went to work for the Salt Lake Mercur Railroad as a fireman, later becoming an engineer, working for them for four years. It is during this time he met Jane C. Solberg in Fairfield, Utah. He married her February 20, 1906.

He moved to Eureka where he worked in the mines for one year. They moved to Lehi where their three sons, William Searl, George Charles, Rolland J. were born.

He worked here on farms, also for the Sugar Company until 1910. At this time, he went back to work for the Salt Lake Mercur Railroad. He was the last engineer to work on this railroad, the railroad being abandoned at this time.

In 1914, he and his family moved to Bingham where he was an engineer on the Utah Cooper railroad and at 1918 he moved back to Lehi and began farming and stock raising. In 1930, he went into the poultry business. From 1934 to 1947, he was a coal dealer. He was elected Lehi City Councilman in 1947, was re-elected in 1949. He was a member of the Civic Improvement Association Rodeo Committee for seven years, being Rodeo Chairman for three years.